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**STORE OWNER SENTENCED FOR
POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND CIGARETTES**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that **HAMMAD ALLAN** age 35, of 115 Croghan Way, Vine Grove, Kentucky, was sentenced in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky for possession of contraband cigarettes.

John G. Heyburn, II, Chief Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Allan** to two years of probation. In addition, the Court ordered **Allan** to pay a fine in the amount of \$500.00.

On April 20, 2006, federal agents and detectives from the Louisville Metro Police Department executed a search warrant at **Allan's** business, Deal Masters, located at 6115 Blevins Gap Road, Louisville, Kentucky. During the search agents recovered 677 cartons of cigarettes which bore no Kentucky tax stamp, which indicated that Kentucky cigarette taxes had not been paid. The Court also ordered Allan to pay \$1,221.00 in restitution, which is the amount of unpaid Kentucky taxes on the cigarettes.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael A. Bennett, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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